

619813

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET

COUNTRY	USSR (Baltic)	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Soviet Auxiliary Vessel Sighted in the Baltic	DATE DISTR.	14 January 1955
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	2
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	

This is UNEVALUATED

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE PAGE 2)

At about 1600 on 22 May 1954, a Soviet auxiliary vessel, identified by the Soviet flag flying at the gaff, was sighted when it passed buoy 12 in the swept channel. It proceeded on an east-west course at slow speed, carrying the two-letter signal HI on the foremast, indicating that it was sweeping mines. The ship bore no name. It was 75 to 80 meters long and was painted grey. No sweeping equipment was seen. The upper part of the ship's side aft was masked by boards. A light gun was on the forecastle. (See sketch on page 2.)

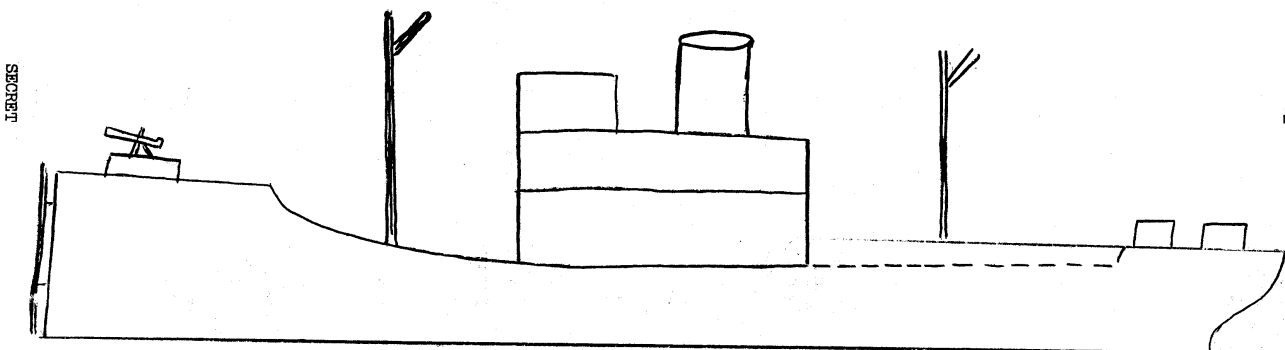
1. Comment: buoy 12 is believed to be located on an approach channel to the port of Leningrad.

SECRET

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	GV	#X	AIR	#X	FBI		AEC	
-------	---	------	---	------	----	----	-----	----	-----	--	-----	--

NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".

SOVIET AUXILIARY SHIP



25X1